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1. The former Russian General Manager of Siemens-Plania, Berlin-Lichtenberg, Ossyadovski (fnu), still remains on the premises of the plant as "Russian consultant" to the German management. Ossyadovski is expected to remain at the plant at least until 1 April 1954, ostensibly to assist in the final phases of liquidating Russian records set up while the plant still was an SAC enterprise, terminating Russian interests, and generally serving as a senior consultant on administrative and operational matters. All contact between members of the German management and operating staffs with Ossyadovski has been broken off except for a liaison contact maintained with Henry Henrion, the German Plant Director. This appears to be an effort to channel all contacts in order to preserve the impression that the German management appointed to take over the plant is in full authority, and to cover up the actual influence and power of the "Russian consultant", who remains as a carry-over from the former SAC structure. Ossyadovski still maintains a close control of policy and production details through the device of "advising" the Plant Director, who jumps at his every suggestion.
2. The former Russian Chief Engineer, N.N. Arkhipov, has left Siemens-Plania and is currently reported to be on leave at an East German spa resort. It is not known whether Arkhipov is slated to remain in Germany or is scheduled to return to the USSR.
3. Oktyabrev (fnu), the former Russian Chief Bookkeeper, was transferred to SAG Kabel headquarters in Berlin where he is reported to be engaged in winding up the books before the dissolution of Kabel. There is no indication that SAG Kabel headquarters is currently being dissolved, as would be indicated by return of the former Kabel factories to East German control, but rather is reported to be operating at nearly the same strength as heretofore with no mass discharge of German personnel reported to date.

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4. Of the present German management staff of Siemens-Plania, only Henry Henrion, the Plant Director, and Herbert Senoner, the Deputy Plant Manager, are authorized to deal with the East German Ministry of Machine Construction. The entire trend in the plant appears to be toward a strict channeling of authority within the management and of production sections, with great emphasis placed upon the designation of persons reliable from the SED point of view to posts of liaison contact and policy-making. In addition the SED plant organization has been obliged to move from the "Kultur" building, since this is to be returned to control of the FDGB. As a result the management has been forced to make room in the administration building for these officials, resulting in greater crowding. By moving into the administration building, the SED plant group officials not only are physically closer to the management offices, but appear to be consulted more frequently on appointments and management problems to the detriment of the production sections. The cadre section is expanding its informant network among the laborers in the various production sections, since these laborers may be observed hovering about the corridors of the administration building and entering the offices of the cadre chief to make their periodic reports. The morale of the production section personnel is rapidly declining, as word of this widespread informant system gets around.

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6. The production plan for the first quarter of 1954 remains the same as previously reported. The preliminary figures for the second quarter will not be made available to the plant management until late March of 1954.

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